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COORDINATING COMMITTEE

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

ON

ITEM 1142 - PIPE AND TUBING, etc.

23rd and 30th November, 1959

Present: Belgium(Luxembourg), France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Docs. Nos. 3700.5, 3711.00/1 and W.P. 1142/1.

1. The UNITED STATES Delegation proposed that the wording underlined below be added to this item:

"Pipe and tubing made of, lined with or covered with polytetrafluoroethylene or polytrifluorochloroethylene."

2. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegation believed that civilian uses would shortly predominate in this field, and therefore felt that the coverage of this item should not be extended at the present time. They asked for further justification in as far as the strategic uses of this equipment were concerned. The UNITED STATES Delegation cited the example of certain varieties of heat exchangers employing highly-corrosive liquids, and said that they were not aware of any use other than strategic actually requiring polytetrafluoroethylene and polytrifluorochloroethylene coating. The United States Delegation requested the United Kingdom Delegation to cite instances of the extensive civilian use of such equipment.

3. The FRENCH Delegation explained that they had not considered the United States proposal to be an extension in coverage since the word "revêtu" used to translate "lined" into French meant both "lined" and "covered". They nevertheless maintained their position, and together with the GERMAN, ITALIAN, JAPANESE and NETHERLANDS Delegations were ready to agree to the United States proposal. In view of the comments made by the United Kingdom Delegation, however, the above Delegations requested further details as to the civilian uses of the equipment concerned. There was moreover a suggestion that the possibility of distinguishing between military and civilian types of such pipe and tubing might be studied.

4. CONCLUSION : The COMMITTEE noted that agreement had not been reached on Item 1142 and agreed to resume study of it during the second round of discussion.

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